

REMARKS

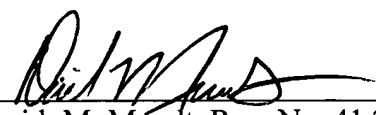
Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Final Office Action of March 22, 2006, including the cited prior art. In response, Applicant has canceled claims 15-19. In addition, claim 18, which was marked as objected to in the outstanding Office Action, has been rewritten in independent form as claim 21. In view of the amendments made, Applicant believes all remaining claims to be allowable, and respectfully requests issuance of a timely Notice of Allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that in light of the amendments to claims, this application is now in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued. However, should Examiner be of the opinion that further amendment or response is required; Applicant encourages Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below. Further, although no additional fees are believed to be due at this time, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Cook, Alex, McFarron, Manzo, Cummings & Mehler, Ltd., Deposit Account No. 50-1039 with reference to attorney docket number (1444-0096).

Respectfully submitted,

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